

County Court Proceedings.

Monday, November 4, 1918.

Lee Usher, 20; cords of wood, \$87.
G W Hanson, superintendent, salary, \$175; traveling expenses, \$43.75; postage, \$7.00.
R C Crocker & Son, supplies furnished Mrs. James Carter, poor, \$36.
W E Edgar, Jr., salary, \$250.
St. Louis Bindery Co, blank book, \$15.85.
A S Albee Co, stationery and printing, \$5.63.
Geo D Barnard & Co, stationery and printing, \$31.65.
Wm Sherrill, road money, \$34.
S B Reagan, road money, \$300.
W T Kestley, board of paupers, \$180; work on county farm, \$7.
Lopez Store Co, posts, etc, for county farm, \$3.50.
I E Whitworth, glass, etc, for county farm, \$3.50.
Dr R W Gay, visit to small pox patient, \$2.
Ed Payne, road money, \$125.
A M Hampton, cleaning flues courthouse and jail, \$5.50.
J S Conway, treasurer, salary, \$150; disbursing school money, \$24.08; postage, \$3.
Permanent improvement road district No. 21, \$250.
R L Permer, road money, \$89.
Rental of county farm for 1918 reduced to \$200.

Saturday, November 9th.

Arthur Huff, postage, electric current, etc, \$25.04.
R A Rasche and W N Knight, \$3 for canvassing election vote.
C D Alexander, auto hire, \$4.
Beckenridge Blank Co, J P blanks, \$1.61.
G W Marshall, sawing 20 cords of wood at courthouse, \$20.
W H Fisher putting up election booths, \$8.70.
Arcadia Valley Enterprise, publishing election ballots, \$389.87.
Gay & Kindell, supplies for pauper, \$2.75.
Geo D Barnard & Co, election supplies, \$54.01.
Dr R W Gay, telephone calls, \$2.01.
Iron County Telephone Co, telephone service, courthouse, jail and county farm for August, September and October, \$14.60.
W H Blue serving notice of appointment on judges of election; board of prisoners, etc, \$135.60.
IRON COUNTY REGISTER, stationery, publishing ballots, etc, \$545.60.
Petition of Geo M Bennett for establishment of a county road granted.
J M Hartzell, road money, \$25.
J J Phillips, road money, \$110.
Cai Providence, damage to land on account of new road, \$25.
Missouri Reformatory, support of Leroy Johnson, \$30.
W S Scott, road money, \$25.
W H Copeland, road money, \$90.
Madigan & Whitworth, supplies courthouse and jail, \$28.20.
A Huff, deputy here for quarter ending October 31, \$150.
Foreign Insurance Tax of \$1451.15, apportioned \$988.99 to county revenue fund, and \$462.16 to the school districts.
Judges and clerks at Ironton precinct in general election allowed \$3 each; judges and clerks at other precincts \$2.50 each.
Messengers of election allowed payment as follows: W E McKee, Des Arc, \$4.90; H McColl, Annapolis, \$4; Wm O Reed, Dunn's, \$3.20; Geo J Reeves, Polk's, \$3.10; Walter Miller, Hogan, \$2.80; Wm N Knight, Arcadia, \$1; Wm Brown, Graniteville, \$2.80; Lem Logan, Bellevue, \$3; W S Scott, Kaolin, \$4; W F Tiefenauer, Imboden, \$3.00; W E Westerman, Bell's, \$4.50; Geo W White, Redmond, \$5; G G Adams, Henderson's, \$5; W H Webb, Love and Bixby, \$10.
Luther Daniel, erecting booths, etc, at Des Arc, \$3.
John McFall, half day as door keeper at Des Arc precinct, \$1.
H B Jones, County Judge, \$15.
J A Rubie, same, \$12.70.
A J Babcock, same, \$17.40.
Arthur Huff, abstract of fees, \$92.44.
W H Blue, waiting on County Court, \$6.
A T Sheahan, putting up booths at Graniteville precinct, \$2.
H J Bollinger, Constable Bellevue precinct, \$2.
Court adjourned to December 31st.

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STEADIER HOG MARKETS PLANNED

Hog Producers and Packers Confer With Representatives of the Food Administration and Agricultural Department and Adopt New Plan of Regulation.

In accordance with the policy of the Food Administration since its foundation to consult representative men in the agricultural industry on occasions of importance to special branches of the industry, on October 24 there was convened in Washington a meeting of the Live Stock Subcommittee of the Agricultural Advisory Board and the special members representing the swine industry to consider the situation in the hog market.

The conference lasted for three days, and during this time met with the executive committee of the fifty packing firms participating in foreign orders for pork products and with the members of the Food Administration directing foreign pork purchases.

The conclusions of the conference were as follows:

The entire marketing situation has so changed since the September joint conference as to necessitate an entire alteration in the plans of price stabilization. The current price talk has alarmed the holders of corn, and there has been a price decline of from 25 cents to 40 cents per bushel. The fact that the accumulations of low priced corn in the Argentine and South Africa would, upon the advent of peace, and liberated shipping, become available to the European market has created a great deal of apprehension on the part of corn holders. This decline has spread fear among swine growers that a similar reduction in the prices of hogs would naturally follow. Moreover, the lower range of corn prices would, if incorporated in a 13-to-1 ratio, obviously result in a continuously falling price for live hogs. In view of these changed conditions many swine producers anticipated lower prices and as a result rushed their hogs to market in large numbers, and this overabundance has added to and aggravated the decline.

The information of the Department of Agriculture indicates that the supply of hogs has increased about 8 per cent, while the highest unofficial estimate does not exceed 15 per cent. Increased production over last year. On the other hand, the arrival of hogs during the last three weeks in the seven great markets has been 27 per cent. more than last year, during the corresponding period, demonstrating the unusually heavy marketing of the available supply. In the face of the excessive receipts some packers have not maintained the price agreed last month. On the other hand, many of the packers have paid over the price offered to them in an endeavor to maintain the agreed price. The result in any event has been a failure to maintain the October price basis determined upon at the September conference and undertaken by the packers. Another factor contributing to the break in prices during the month has been the influenza epidemic; it has sharply curtailed consumption of pork products and temporarily decreased the labor staff of the packers about 25 per cent.

The exports of 130,000,000 pounds of pork products for October compared with about 52,000,000 pounds in October a year ago, and the export orders placeable by the Food Administration for November, amount to 170,000,000 pounds as contrasted with the lesser exports of 98,000,000 for November, 1917. The increased demands of the allies are continuing, and are in themselves proof of the necessity for the large production for which the Food Administration asked. The increase in export demands appears to be amply sufficient to take up the increase in hog production, but unfavorable market conditions existing in October afford no fair index of the aggregate supply and demand.

It must be evident that the enormous shortage in fats in the Central Empires and neutral countries would immediately upon peace result in additional demands for pork products which, on top of the heavy shipments to the Allies, would tend materially to increase the American exports, inasmuch as no considerable reservoir of supplies exists outside of the United States. It seems probable that the present prospective supplies would be inadequate to meet this world demand with the return to peace. So far as it is possible to interpret this fact, it appears that there should be even a stronger demand for pork products after the war, and therefore any alarm of hog producers as to the effect of peace is unwarranted by the outlook.

In the light of these circumstances it is the conclusion of the conference that attempts to hold the price of hogs to the price of corn may work out to the disadvantage of pork producers. It is the conclusion that any interpretation of the formula should be a broad gauged policy applied over a long period. It is the opinion of the conference that in substitution of the previous plans of stabilization the Live Stock Subcommittee of the Agricultural Advisory Board, together with the specially invited swine representatives, should accept the invitation of the Food Administration to join with the Administration and the packers in determining the prices at which controlled export orders are to be placed. This will be regularly done. The influence of these orders will be directed to the maintenance of the common object—namely, the stabilization of the price of live hogs so as to secure as far as it is possible fair returns to the

Livestock Subcommittee of the Agricultural Advisory Board, together with special swine members and the representatives of the packers, to improve the present unsatisfactory situation, which has unfortunately resulted because of the injection of uncontrollable factors.

We ask the producer to co-operate with us in a most difficult task.

The members of the Conference were:

Producers—H. C. Stuart, Elk Garden, Va., Chairman Agricultural Advisory Board; W. M. McFadden, Chicago, Ill.; A. Sykes, Ida Grove, Ia.; John M. Ervay, Ames, Ia.; J. H. Mercer, Live Stock Commission for Kansas; J. G. Brown, Monon, Ind.; E. C. Brown, President Chicago Livestock Exchange; N. H. Gentry, Sedalia, Mo.; John Gratton, Bloomfield, Colo.; Eugene Funk, Bloomington, Ill.; Isaac Lincoln, Aberdeen, S. D.; C. W. Hunt, Logan, Ia.; C. E. Yancey, W. R. Dodson.

Food Administration—Herbert Hoover, F. S. Snyder, Major E. L. Roy, G. H. Powell.

Department of Agriculture—Louis D. Hall, F. R. Marshall.

The packers, present and others sharing in foreign orders were represented by the elected packers' committee. Those represented were:

Packers—Armour & Co., Chicago, Ill.; Cudahy Packing Co., Chicago, Ill.; Morris & Co., Chicago, Ill.; Swift & Co., Chicago, Ill.; Wilson & Co., Chicago, Ill.; John Agar Co., Chicago, Ill.; Armstrong Packing Co., Dallas, Tex.; Boyd Dunham & Co., Chicago, Ill.; Brennan Packing Co., Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati Abattoir Co., Cincinnati, O.; Cleveland Provisions Co., Cleveland, O.; Cudahy Bros. Co., Cudahy, Wis.; J. Dold Packing Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; Dunlevy Packing Co., Pittsburg, Pa.; J. E. Decker & Sons, Mason City, Ia.; Evansville Packing Co., Evansville, Ind.; East Side Packing Co., East St. Louis, Ill.; Hammond Standish & Co., Detroit, Mich.; G. A. Hornel & Co., Austin, Minn.; Home Packing & Ice Co., Terre Haute, Ind.; Independent Packing Co., Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis Abattoir Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; International Provision Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Interstate Packing Co., Winona, Minn.; Iowa Packing Co., Des Moines, Ia.; Powers Begg Co., Jacksonville, Ill.; Kingan & Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; Krey Packing Co., St. Louis, Mo.; Lake Erie Provision Co., Cleveland, O.; Layton Co., Milwaukee, Wis.; Oscar Mayer & Bro., Sedgwick and Beethoven streets, Chicago, Ill.; J. T. McMillan Co., St. Paul, Minn.; Miller & Hart, Chicago, Ill.; J. Morrell & Co., Ottumwa, Ia.; Nuckolls Packing Co., Pueblo, Colo.; Ogden Packing and Provision Co., Ogden, Utah; Ohio Provision Co., Cleveland, O.; Parker Webb & Co., Detroit, Mich.; Pittsburg Packing and Provision Co., Pittsburg, Pa.; Rath Packing Co., Waterloo, Ia.; Roberts & Onke, Chicago, Ill.; Robe & Bros., New York City; W. C. Routh & Co., Logansport, Ind.; St. Louis Ind. Packing Co., St. Louis, Mo.; Sinclair & Co., T. M. Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Sullivan & Co., Detroit, Mich.; Theurer-Norton Provision Co., Cleveland, O.; Wilson Provision Co., Peoria, Ill.; Western Packing and Provision Co., Chicago, Ill.; Charles Wolff Packing Co., Topeka, Kan.

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